







A FORME OF

PRAYER

USED AT NEWPORT In the Isle of WIGHT:

By His Majesties Directions, upon the 15 of September, 1648.

Being the day of Fasting and Humiliation for the obtaining a Blessing upon the PERSONALL TREATIE Betweene the KING and His

Two Houses of Parliament.

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Morning Prayer.



Orrect us O Lord, and yet in thy Judgement, not in thy Fury, left we should be confumed and brought to nothing.

Then followes the Exhortation as in the Ly-

Yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when at such a time and occasion as this, we assemble and meet together to cast our selves down at the Throne of his heavenly Grace, and to power out our humble supplications for the averting of his heavy Judgements now upon us, for the ceasing of these present differences, and restoring a happy Peace in this divided Kingdome, Wherefore I pray, and beseech you, &c.

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The Confession.

A Lmighty and most mercifull Father, &c. The absolution, with the Lords Prayer and Versicles, instead of the Venite Exultemus.

This Psalme composed out of severall Passages in the book of Psalmes.

Psal. 28. 1. Who thee will I cry, OLord my strength, think no scorn of me, lest if thou makest as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the Pit.

Werfe 2. Hear the voyce of my humble Petitions when I cry unto thee, when I hold up my hands towards the mercy feat of thy holy

Temple.

us so long wherefore art thou absent from us so long why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

Lord, how long wilt thou be angry! shall

thy jealoufie burn like fire for ever:

Pfal. 77.9. Hath God forgotten to be gratious? or will he shut up his loving kindnesse in displeasure?

Pfal. 89 48 Lord where are thy old loving kindnesses which thou swarest unto David in thy truth

Pfal. 74.2. O think upon thy Congregation whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

Think upon the Tribe of thine Inheri-Verse 3. tance, and Mount Sion wherein thou hast dwelt. Thou Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Psal. 102. Sion, for it is time that thou have mercy on 13. her, yea the time is come.

And why? thy fervants think upon her Verse 14? frones, and it pitieth them to see her in

the dust.

Be thou my judge O Lord, for I have Pal. 26.1, walked innocently, my trust also hath been in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

Examine O Lord, and prove me, try out Vérse 2.

my reines and my heart.

Let my sentence come forth from thy Psal. 17.23 presence, and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equall.

Call to remembrance O Lord thy tender Pfal. 25.5. mercies, and thy loving kindnesse which

hath been ever of old.

The forrowes of my heart are enlarged, Verle 16.

O bring thou me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity and misery, and Verse 17.

forgive me all my finne.

Thou shalt shew us wonderfull things in Psal. 65.5. thy righteousnesse, O God of our salvation, thou that art the hopes of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remaine in the broad Sea.

Which stilleth the raging of the Sea, and Verse?. the noise of his waves, and the madnesse of his people.

Remember me O Lord according to the Mil. 106.4

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favour that thou bearest unto thy people. O visit me with thy salvation.

Verse 5. That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and rejoyce in the gladnesse of thy people, and give thankes with thine inheritance.

Pfa. 79 12 O let the forrowfull fighing of the prifoners come before thee, according to the great-nesse of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

Pfa.90.15 Comfort us againe, now after the time that thou hast plagued us, and for the yeares

wherein we have suffered adversity.

Pla.76.10. The fiercenesse of man shall turne to thy praise, and the fiercenesse of them shalt thou refraine.

Pfa.69.36. For God will fave Sion, and build the cities of Juda, that men may dwell there and have it in possession.

Pal. 27.16 O tarry thou the Lords leafure, be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put

thou thy trust in the Lord.

God be upon us, prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy work.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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The Pfalmes.

For Morn. Prayer.

For Even. Prayer.

THE LESSONS!

For Morn. Prayer.

Sis A. 48. to the 20.ver.

For Even. Prayer.

Te Denm.

Second Leffon.
Rom.the 12.from
the 9.verse to the
end.

Magnificat.

Second Leffon.

I Epist, of

John, Chap.

the 4.

Benedictus.

Nunc dimittis.

Epistle for Morning.

Heb. the 12. from the middle of the 5. ver. to the end of the 15.

The holy Goffel.

Mat.5, from ver. 1, to 13.

Certaine Prayers for a blessing on this TREATY.

A Prayer drawne by His Majesties special directions.

Most mercifull Father, Lord God of Peace and Truth, we a people sorely afflicted by the scourge of an unnatural War, do here earnestly beseech thee

to command a bleffing from heaven upon this Treaty brought about by thy providence, and the onely visible remedy left for the establishment of an happy Peace. Soften the most obdurate hearts, with a true Christian desire of saving those mens blood, for whom Christ himselfe hath shed his: O Lord let not the guilt of our fins cause this Treaty to breake off, but let the truth of thy spirit so clearely shine in our mindes, that all private ends laid afide, we may every one of us heartily and fincerely purfue the publick good, and that thy people may be no longer so blindly miserable, as not to see at least in this their day the things that belong unto their Peace. Grant this gracious God for his sake who is our Peace it self, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace.

Lmighty God, terrible in thy Judge-ments, but more wonderfull in thy Mercies, who turnest man to destruction, and againe thou faiest, Come againe ye children of men: We miserable sinners prostrate this day before thee, humbly confesse, with horror in our hearts and confusion in our faces, that every one of us hath more or lesse contributed to that vast heape of crying finnes which hath now in fo high a measure drawne downe thy vengeance on us, that we have abused thy patience so long, till we have at last turn'd it into Fury, compelling thee by our often provocations to visit us in blood, to make us teare out our owne bowels, and by a strange unnaturall War, to become executioners of our selves, and to sin afresh in the very punishments of fin.

But alas what profit is there in our bloods? or what glory can come to thee by our ruine? Let it suffice O God, that thou hast thus far rebuked us in thine anger, but consume us not

utterly, for we are all thy people.

Say to the destroying sword, It is enough, and let it be no longer drunke with the blood of thine Inheritance. But looke downe upon our unfained humiliation: Hear the Prayer

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which in the bitternesse of our souls we powre out this day before thee, accept of our repentance, and where it is defect ve let thy holy fpirit make it up, with groanes that cannot be expressed. Look upon thy Moses who standeth in the gap, beseeching thee to turne thine anger from thy people. Remember what he hath suffer'd, and the heavy things that thou hast shewne him, and in the day when thou makest inquisition for Blood, forget not his desires of Peace, the endeavours which he hath used, and the prayers which he hath made to thee for it. Returne all this O Lord with comfort into his Bosome. And fince thou hast already wrought so much for him, as to bring these unhappy entangled differences to a Treaty; take not off thy hands till thou hast untied every knot, and cleered every difficulty.

Send thy spirit into their hearts who are intrusted with this great worke, give them bowels of compassion, towards their bleeding and expiring Country; strike a sense into them of the blood already shed, and the Desolation to come if they prevent it not. But above all let thy sear run through all their Consultations, that remembring the sad account, which in the last great Day will be required of them, they may lay aside every sin and every Interest, that may divert them from the wayes of

Peace.

Peace, and by the guidance of thy Wisdome (for in this all humane wisdom fails) find out those blessed expedients, which may restore the voyce of joy and Peace into our dwellings, in such a way as may be most to the Glory of thy great Name, the settlement of the true Religion, so long professed among us, the Honour and safety of the Kings sacred Person, and the goods of all His people.

Heare these our Prayers, and perfect this great worke through the mediation of thy own dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the day of Humiliation, and for the blessing of Peace.

Most just, and powerfull Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth, we cannot but acknowledge that the manifold miseries that have befalne us are the due reward of our deeds, and that we have deserved that the things which belong to our Peace, should be still hid from our eyes. For when of thine owne free Mercy thou wert pleased to grant us a long time of Plenty, and Prosperity, more then thou gavest to any of the Nations that are about us, we became weary of our happinesse, and by our ingratitude pull'd upon us those judgements, which

now threaten desolation to this late flourishing Kingdome. And since the time of our Affliction, thou hast given us space to repent, and we repented not; Iniquity hath still more and more abounded. As heretofore thy mercies did not allure us, so now thy judgements have not humbled us to a serious consideration of our misdeservings: So that now O Lord, we find our selves intangled, and wearied by our owne Councels. The troubles of our heart are inlarged; Our iniquities, and the punishments which attend upon them, are a burthen too heavy for us to bear. And therefore in the anguish and the bitternesse of our fouls, we returne unto thee, humbly befeeching thee (in whom alone is our help) to have respect unto the prayers of thy Servants. O shut not up thy loving kindnesse in displeasure: Let not thine anger burne against the sheep of thy pasture, but bind up the breaches of this people: Let the sighing of the Prisoners come before thee. Behold the tears of the distressed Orphans, and Widowes, and of all such as are oppressed, and have no comforter. How long, O Lord, Holy, and True, dost thou forbear to command deliverances Remember thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and save us as thou hast done heretofore. Remember thy promise of deliverance to those who call upon thee in the day

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of their trouble. And when the blood that hath been shed shall call aloud for Vengeance, O then hearken unto the voice of thy Sons bloud which speakes better things; Behold the Lambe of God who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

And for his sake we beseech thee, regard the fincerity, and long sufferings of thine Anointed; Bind His soul fast in the bundle of Life; let mercy and truth preserve Him, and let His Throne be established for ever before thee. Melt, and molifie at this time the hearts of all men to the entertainment of compassion, and love, and guide our feet into the way of Peace. Give to those that have done wrong grace to repent, and to those that have suffe-

red wrong, minds ready to forgive.

And if any shall be averse from Peace, O thou that art the wonderfull Counsellor, turn their wisdome into foolishnesse, and render their devises vaine, and of none effect. And when thou hast vouchsafed to give us that Tranquillity, which we now so earnestly beg for at thine hands, give us grace to embrace it with all thankefulness, to honour and obey God, and our King; and to live at Unity among our selves, evermore blessing thy Glorious Name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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